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## **Future Life Jackets, Buoyancy Aids and Floatation Devices**

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

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**Internet address(es)****General address of the contracting authority/entity**

<http://www.contracts.mod.uk>

**Further information**

Further information can be obtained from the above mentioned contact point(s)

**I.2) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

**I.3) Main activity**

Defence

**I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities/entities**

The contracting authority/entity is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities/entities:

No

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority/entity:**

Future Life Jackets, Buoyancy Aids and Floatation Devices

### **II.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance**

Services

Service category No 14: Research and development services and evaluation tests

### **NUTS code**

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

### **II.4) Short description of nature and scope of works or nature and quantity or value of supplies or services**

Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S), Fire and Escape Systems (FES) team is seeking to engage with potential Suppliers to support the design and development of future Military and MOD Civilian Life Jacket, Floatation and Buoyancy Systems.

Equipment Rationalisation

Rationalisation of the existing range of equipment's and systems used to meet the varied user requirements.

Design and Development Support Services

Design and development of future Military and MOD Civilian Life Jacket, Floatation and Buoyancy Systems. This requires an innovative approach to meeting the requirements of the front-line Users across the Air, Maritime and Littoral environments whilst also seeking to reduce the complexity and variety of systems in-service.

The MOD is undertaking a holistic review of the current in-service water safety equipment to ensure there is a continuance to minimise Risk to Life (RtL) for personnel, whilst seeking to ensure that the capability is supported in the most effective and efficient manner. Future systems are to be compatible with both current and future operational needs, with due consideration to legislative requirements such as the International Convention for the Safety Of Life At Sea (SOLAS), where appropriate.

In support of the above, we intend to hold a virtual Market Engagement Event where

potential Suppliers will be provided with additional background. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions, as well as to provide feedback on the Authority's approach.

### **Estimated value excluding VAT**

Range: between £20,000,000 and £30,000,000

### **Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

- 79933000 - Design support services

### **Additional CPV code(s)**

- 39525300 - Life jackets

## **II.6) Scheduled date for start of award procedures and duration of the contract**

Scheduled date for start of award procedures: 1 December 2022

## **II.7) Additional information**

This requirement was previously advertised under PIN 2019/S 203-495427

The intention is to hold a virtual Market Engagement Event in mid-March 2021. Potential Suppliers wishing to register for attendance at this event should express their interest via email to the Contracting Authority email address provided by 12:00 hours 05 March 2021.

The issue of this Prior Information Notice and any Early Market engagement with Potential Suppliers does not commit the Authority to any future procurement in relation to the stated requirement nor does it prevent any subsequent change in the stated requirement.

Potential Suppliers who do not take part in the Market Engagement Event will not be precluded from submitting a response to any future resulting contract notice and/or DPQQ

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## **Section VI: Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about European Union funds**

The contract is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
No

### **VI.2) Additional information**

The Authority reserves the right to amend any condition related to security of information to reflect any changes in national law or government policy. If any contract documents are accompanied by instructions on safeguarding classified information (e.g. a Security Aspects Letter), the Authority reserves the right to amend the terms of these instructions to reflect any changes in national law or government policy, whether in respect of the applicable protective marking scheme, specific protective markings given, the aspects to which any protective marking applies, or otherwise. The link below to the [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications) website provides information on the Government Security Classification.

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